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NSC

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NSC Briefing Topics for 2 November 1954

1. An NSC meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, 2 November, at which (among other possible topics) the D/DCI will brief the Council on the Sino-Soviet rail links. Basic responsibility for preparation of material for this briefing is assigned to O/RR. O/CI will be responsible for production of graphics and also for the format of the briefing material.

2. Because of the weekend split between working-time in preparation of this special briefing topic and the first rehearsal for the D/DCI on Monday morning, 1 November, the following schedule will be necessary:

by 12:00 Friday, 29 Oct. - briefing text available

by 16:30 Friday, 29 Oct. - text carded

at 10:00 Saturday, 30 Oct. - presentation to Mr. Sheldon

3. In addition to O/RR personnel, the following O/CI Divisions will be concerned:

D/Pres - graphics preparation;

D/Econ - for Soviet RR aspects*;

D/Gen - for Soviet implications;

D/FE - for Chinese RR aspects* and implications:

it is expected that the "implications" portion of this topic will be framed and settled during the course of Friday, 29 October. However (as indicated by asterisks above) the RR experts should attend the Saturday, 30 October morning meeting with Mr. Sheldon.

4. Subject to other developments, the deadline for graphics appears to be close of business Monday, 1 November. However, it would certainly be desirable to have a rough or small treatment available for the D/DCI's meeting on Monday morning.

5. Information on other topics will be forwarded as received.

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